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Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
P. O. Box 94275, Capitol Station
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804

RE: Application for a Public Hearing
Miocene Zone
University Field
East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana

Dear Sir:

Application is hereby made on behalf of Brechtel Energy Corporation ("Applicant") to the Commissioner of Conservation for the calling of a public hearing, after ten (10) days legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Miocene Zone, in the University Field, East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana.

1. To permit the Applicant to complete and produce their Duplantier Estate No. 1 Well (WSN 196033) from the Miocene Zone at a location which is in exception to the well spacing provisions of Statewide Order No. 29-E. Said well is less than 900' away from the Brechtel Energy Corporation - Duplantier Estate No. 2 Well (WSN 201795), which is currently completed in and producing from the Miocene Zone. Both wells are located within the geographic confines of a 31.1926 Acre voluntary unit shown on the attached plat.

2. To discuss any other matters that may be pertinent to this application.

The Miocene Zone in the University Field, East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana was previously defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 16-J effective July 1, 1964.

All pertinent data relating to the subject application is available for inspection at the Offices of Louis Gilbert & Associates, Inc., 3636 N. Causeway Blvd., Suite 204, Metairie, Louisiana 70002. Any person wishing to inspect such data should call (504) 834-8112 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such pertinent data which is not otherwise available from the Office of Conservation can be obtained at the expense of the requesting party.

In addition to furnishing the legal notice to all Interested Parties, the applicant will provide for POSTING of the legal notice of the hearing and proposed well location plat in a prominent place in the area of the University Field, East

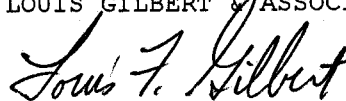
Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana. Also, the legal notice will be PUBLISHED in a newspaper of general circulation in the vicinity of the University Field.

There is attached hereto and made a part hereof, a list of the names and addresses of the Interested Parties, Interested Owners and Represented Parties to whom this application is being sent. Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, such list of parties is being furnished ONLY to the Commissioner of Conservation and to the District Manager of the Lafayette District of the Office of Conservation. The aforementioned list is available upon request to any Interested Party. A diligent effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all Interested Parties, Interested Owners, and Represented Parties as required by the Revised Rules of Procedure.

There is attached hereto a check made payable to the Office of Conservation, representing the required hearing application fee on behalf of the Applicant.

Very truly yours,

LOUIS GILBERT & ASSOCIATES, INC.



Louis F. Gilbert

cc: Mr. Richard Hudson
District Manager
Office of Conservation

Mr. Brent Talbot
Brechtel Energy Corporation (w/enclosures)

Interested Parties, Interested Owners
and Represented Parties (w/plat)

